

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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At page 1, between lines 1 and 2, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. **Field of the Invention**

At page 1, between lines 12 and 13, please insert the following

2. **Discussion of Background Information**

At page 4, between lines 10 and 11, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 4, please replace the paragraph at lines 12-22 as follows:

The invention ~~is based on the object of making~~ makes secure and reliable sealing possible in a simple manner in a vehicle wheel having a tubeless pneumatic tire with two tire beads which are formed on its radially inner side and by ~~means of~~ which the tubeless pneumatic tire is mounted on the radial outer side of a multiple part rim, ~~and having a~~ A sealing ring which seals the pneumatic tire radially inward toward the rim, is arranged on the radial outer side of the rim, and extends over the circumference of the rim in the circumferential direction and extends between the two tire beads of the pneumatic tire in the axial direction.

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 4 and 5 as follows:

According to the invention, ~~the object is achieved by the configuration of~~ a sealing ring for a vehicle wheel ~~having~~ has a tubeless pneumatic tire with two tire beads ~~which are~~ formed on its radially inner side ~~and by means of~~ which the tubeless pneumatic tire is mounted on the radial outer side of a multiple part rim, ~~and having a~~ . A sealing ring which seals the pneumatic tire radially inward toward the rim, is arranged on the radial outer side of the rim, and extends over the circumference of the rim in the circumferential direction and extends between the two tire beads of the pneumatic tire in the axial direction, ~~according~~ . According to the features of claim 1, the sealing ring ~~being~~ is configured with a central annular body having a cylindrical inner face for seating on the rim outer face and ~~being~~ configured in each case with a concentric flexible annular limb on both axial sides of the central annular body, which limb extends obliquely radially outward in the axial direction from the central annular body to the outside, ~~and deformable~~ Deformable sealing elements ~~being~~ are formed at ~~that~~ an end of the limb which points away from the central annular body, ~~which sealing~~ . The sealing elements are configured on the radially inwardly pointing surface of the annular limb so as to extend over the circumference of the annular limb.

At page 7, please replace the paragraphs at lines 14-25 as follows

Particularly reliable mounting of the sealing ring which can be positioned in a particularly reliable manner on the rim on account of its high basic rigidity is made possible by the configuration according to the features of claim 6, ~~means~~ . A mechanism for reinforcing the annular body ~~being~~ is formed on the central annular body between the annular limbs.

The configuration according to the features of claim 7 is preferred, because it is very simple to manufacture, in which the ~~means~~

mechanism for reinforcement ~~are~~ is one or more radial elevations which is/are configured on the radial outer side of the annular body.

At page 9, between lines 9 and 10, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At page 11, between lines 20 and 21, please insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 15 and 16 as follows

For mounting, the right-hand tire bead in the figures is first of all positioned in a conventional manner in contact with the rim horn on its seat face on the radially outer circumferential face of the rim. In order to mount the sealing ring 8, the latter is then pivoted, and as is shown in fig. 5 by ~~means of~~ an arrow, with its right-hand limb 31 counter to the elastic restoring force of the elastically flexible annular limb 31 via radially outward to axially inward and about its connecting point on the central annular body 30, with the result that the sealing ring 8 with its central annular body 30 can be pushed onto the seat face, which is configured to this end, on the radial outer side of the rim 2 between the two tire beads 6 and 7, and can be positioned there. After this, the left-hand tire bead is mounted in a conventional manner in its operating position in axial contact with the side ring 4 which is configured as the left-hand rim horn on the seat face of the oblique shoulder ring 5 of the rim 2 and is fastened by ~~means of~~ the closure ring 49, by pivoting the left-hand limb 32 counter to the elastic restoring force of the elastically flexible annular limb 32 via radially outward to axially inward and about its connecting point on the central annular body 30. Fig. 5 shows the mounted state of the sealing

ring 8 in the vehicle wheel, without excess pressure in the vehicle wheel. As can be seen clearly, the limb 31 and the limb 32 lie in each case, only on account of the elastic restoring force of the pivoted limb 31 and 32, respectively, with its axially outer sealing lip 33 on the associated tire bead 6 and 7, respectively, of the mounted tire 1.

At pages 27 and 28, delete the following:

List of Designations

- 1 — Pneumatic tire
- 2 — Multiple part rim
- 3 — Basic rim
- 4 — Horn ring
- 5 — Split oblique shoulder ring
- 6 — Tire bead
- 7 — Tire bead
- 8 — Sealing ring
- 9 — Through opening
- 10 — Slot shaped through opening
- 11 — Valve tube
- 12 — Valve
- 13 — Sealing plate
- 14 — Plate base
- 15 — Sealing lip
- 16 — Edge
- 17 — Air channel
- 18 — Circumferential groove
- 23 — Sealing plate
- 24 — Longitudinal side
- 25 — Longitudinal side
- 26 — End side
- 27 — End side
- 28 — Interlacing region
- 29 — Tongue

- 30 — Central annular body
- 31 — Annular limb
- 32 — Annular limb
- 33 — Sealing lip
- 34 — Sealing lip
- 35 — Sealing lip
- 36 — Sealing lip
- 37 — Reinforcing rib
- 38 — Hollow space
- 39 — Sealing lip
- 40 — End face
- 49 — Closure ring